

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 7, Episode 1

What Is the Sermon on the Mount?

Matthew 5:1-2

Theme: Living in the Kingdom of God Now

Teaching Focus: The Sermon on the Mount is an invitation to and a blueprint for Kingdom living in the here and now—not to earn salvation, but to flourish under the rule of King Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it significant that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount primarily to His disciples?
2. What are some common misunderstandings about the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount?
3. How does understanding the Jewish context of Jesus' ministry affect the way we read Matthew 5–7?
4. Pastor Robby said, "The sermon is an invitation and an expectation." What does that mean?
5. What does Jesus mean when He talks about "practicing righteousness in front of others" (Matt. 6:1)?

6. How does the kingdom ethic differ from the world's idea of success or happiness?
 7. What is the relationship between devotion and obedience in the Sermon on the Mount?
 8. How does the theme of the "Kingdom of Heaven" unify Jesus' teaching throughout His ministry?
 9. What evidence from the text or elsewhere in Scripture shows that this sermon is about *present* Kingdom living?
 10. Why do you think Jesus started with character-based blessings (Beatitudes) rather than commands?
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Application Questions:

1. In what areas of your life are you living more as a “citizen of the world” than as a “subject of the King”?
 2. What motivations drive your spiritual practices—duty or devotion?
 3. How can you begin living more intentionally under the “roof” of the King this week?
 4. What spiritual disciplines can help shift your focus from “what Jesus gives” to “who Jesus is”?
 5. How would your life look different if Jesus, not comfort or control, was your treasure?
 6. What specific teaching in Matthew 5–7 challenges you the most?
 7. How can your group embody the Kingdom ethic in your community this month?
 8. What distractions keep you from experiencing the blessings of Kingdom living now?
 9. How can you respond to Jesus' invitation to flourish in the Kingdom *today*?
 10. Who in your life needs to see the difference the Kingdom makes? How can you show them?
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Prayer Prompt

“Lord Jesus, we praise You as King over the Kingdom of Heaven and over our lives. Help us not to follow You out of duty, but out of deep love and devotion. Teach us to live by the ethic of Your Kingdom—not to earn Your favor but to live under Your rule and experience true flourishing. Make us Kingdom citizens who reflect Your heart in a broken world. Amen.”

Additional Resources for Deeper Study

- **Book:** *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty
 - **Book:** *Here and Now* by Robby Gallaty
 - **Book:** [CSB Harmony of the Gospels – Section 54](#)

 - **Podcast:** *Replicate: Making Disciples* with Robby Gallaty – episodes on the Kingdom of God
 - **Podcast:** *BEMA Discipleship* with Marty Solomon

 - **Sermon Series:** “Kingdom Manifesto” by Robby Gallaty (searchable on [Long Hollow's YouTube Channel](#))

 - **Bible Reading Plan:** NT260 plan – Focus on Matthew 5–7 for deeper daily reflection.
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